



## DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, present office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING FOREIGN MATTER FROM FIBROUS MATERIAL**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following has been obtained:

(1) was filed on 9/29/1998 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/167,567 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate filed before and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of this application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Applications:

Priority Claimed

(1) Yes (2) No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any (United States application(s) listed below and, transfer to the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application to the extent provided by the four paragraphs of Title 35, United States Code, § 120, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which becomes available between the filing date of the prior application and the receipt of PCT international filing date of this application.

(Application Number)

(Filing Date)

(Status: pending, pending, continued)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transmit all business to the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that truthful statements and the time so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that each truthful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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